

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

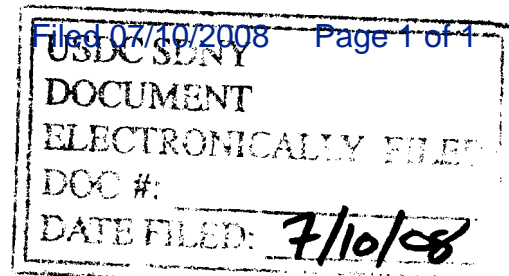
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MERCK EPROVA AG and MERCK KGaA,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

PROTHERA, INC.,

Defendant.
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**ORDER OF REFERENCE TO
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

08 CIVIL 0035 (RMB) (JCF)

The above entitled action is referred to the designated Magistrate Judge for the following purpose(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	General Pretrial (includes scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) for all purposes (including trial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific Non-Dispositive Motion/Dispute:*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) for limited purpose (e.g., dispositive motion, preliminary injunction)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purpose: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	If referral is for discovery disputes when the District Judge is unavailable, the time period of the referral:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habeas Corpus
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispositive Motion (i.e., motion requiring a Report and Recommendation)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Particular Motion: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	All Such Motions: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inquest After Default/Damages Hearing		

* Do not check if already referred for general pretrial.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
July 10, 2008

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RICHARD M. BERMAN, U.S.D.J.